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<i>Advisory Action</i> <i>Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</i>	Application No. 10/531,930	Applicant(s) DE WIT ET AL.
	Examiner TUAN H. NGUYEN	Art Unit 2618

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THE REPLY FILED 18 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-11 and 13-22.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 12.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
 Applicant's argument are not persuasive. Regarding applicant's argument filed on 04/18/2008 that Ohta et al. (U.S.PAT # 4,974,251 hereinafter "Ohta") reference cited by Examiner does not teach or suggests "wherein the control unit is configured to instruct the output means to make a received human perceptual signal more noticeable if it is received from a nearby further electronic device and less noticeable if it is received from a remote further electronic device" (Applicant's argument pages 9-10). The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant arguments. Applicant should refer to Ohta reference col. 9 lines 3-44 where as the Examiner interpreted "wherein the control unit is configured to instruct the output means to make a received human perceptual signal more noticeable if it is received from a nearby further electronic device and less noticeable if it is received from a remote further electronic device" (i.e., fig. 1, when the out-of-communication-range alarm signal is transmitted from the connection unit 1 or when the received electric field of the radio telephone set 2 becomes less than E2 dB.m.u.V, this causes the radio telephone set 2 to issue the alarm tone. Thus, the user of the radio telephone set 2 can know that the radio telephone is in a bad communication state and can take a proper measure, for example, by putting the radio telephone closer to the connection unit 1). Regarding to claim 7, Applicant further argues that Foschini et al. does not teach "a receiver able to receive a further human non-perceptual signal, the control unit is able to use the receiver to detect a level of occupation of a transmission medium, and the control unit is able to instruct the transmitter to adapt its transmission power in dependency of the level of occupation" (Applicant argument pages 12-13). Examiner believe that the Applicant is mistaken. Examiner applied Ohta's reference to reject dependent claim 7 (office action dated 02/13/2008, page 5). Examiner did not apply Foschini's reference to reject claim 7. Therefore, the teaching of the prior art references still read on.

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____

13. Other: _____.